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1ST SESSION

H. R. 580

To amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to require the Federal Government to acquire not fewer than 100,000 plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL (for himself and Mr. INSLEE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Purchasing Low-Emis-
5 sion Vehicles for Use in Government (PLUG) Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) According to the Energy Information Ad-
9 ministration, 70 percent of all petroleum consumed

1 in the United States in 2007 was used in the trans-
2 portation sector.

3 (2) According to the Department of Energy,
4 plug-in hybrid electric vehicles can significantly re-
5 duce fuel use and costs, increase our energy security
6 and protect the environment.

7 (3) Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles achieve bet-
8 ter gas mileage than standard hybrid vehicles
9 through the use of a larger battery that can be re-
10 charged by plugging the battery into a standard
11 home electrical outlet.

12 (4) Significant strides have been made in the
13 research and development of battery technology for
14 plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

15 **SEC. 3. INCLUSION OF PLUG-IN HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHI-**
16 **CLES IN FEDERAL FLEET REQUIREMENT.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 303(b) of the Energy Pol-
18 icy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13212(b)) is amended by add-
19 ing at the end the following:

20 “(4) In meeting the requirements of paragraph
21 (1)(D), the Secretary, with the cooperation of the
22 heads of other appropriate agencies, shall ensure
23 that the Federal Government acquires not fewer
24 than 100,000 plug-in hybrid electric vehicles manu-
25 factured in the United States by entities incor-

1 porated or organized under the laws of the United
2 States. The Federal Government shall acquire such
3 vehicles during the 5-fiscal-year period beginning
4 after the date on which the Secretary determines
5 that such vehicles are commercially available.”.

6 (b) DEFINITION OF PLUG-IN HYBRID ELECTRIC VE-
7 HICLE.—Section 301 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992
8 (42 U.S.C. 13211) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
10 (13);

11 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
12 graph (14) and inserting “; and”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(15) the term ‘plug-in hybrid electric vehicle’
15 means a light duty vehicle propelled by an internal
16 combustion engine or heat engine using—

17 “(A) a combustible fuel;

18 “(B) an on-board, rechargeable storage de-
19 vice; and

20 “(C) a device that collects electricity from
21 an off-board source.”.

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